

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Original) A topical composition in form of a gel for treating skin burns comprising:

A first barrier gel for skin protection comprising an thickener agent and an emulsifier agent in an aqueous carrier;

A second barrier gel for skin protection comprising a second thickener agent, a preservative agent, in an aqueous carrier; and

An active principle having proteolytic activity.

2. (Original) A composition according to claim 1 wherein the active principle is papain.

3. (Currently Amended) A composition according to claim 1 furthermore comprising an anaesthetic agent.

4. (Original) A composition according to claim 3 wherein said anaesthetic agent is lidocaine and is present in a range between 1 to 5% by weight of composition.

5. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 1 wherein said first thickener agent consists of carboxypolymethylene in an amount between 1,5 and 2,5% by weight of said first gel.

6. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 1 wherein said second thickener agent is carboxymethylcellulose in an amount between 1% and 4% by weight of said second gel.

7. (Original) A composition according to claim 1 wherein the first gel is present in an amount between 22% and 28% by weight of the composition, said second gel is present in an amount between 71,5% and 77,5% by weight of the composition and the active principle is present in an amount between 0,2% and 5% by weight of the composition.

8. (Original) A composition according to claim 3 wherein the first gel is present in an amount between 22% and 28% by weight of the composition, said second gel is present in an amount between 71,5% and 77,5% by weight of the composition, the active principle is present in an amount between 0,2% and 5% by weight of the composition, the active principle is present in an amount between 0,2% and 5% by weight of the composition, and the anaesthetic is present in an amount between 1% and 5% by weight of the composition.

9. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 1 wherein the emulsifier agent in said first gel is triethanolamine.

10. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 1 wherein the preservative agent is a mixture of methyl parabene and propyl parabene.

11. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 1 additionally containing chlorhexidine and/or urea in a pharmaceutically effective amount.

12. (Previously Presented) A method for treating skin lesions comprising the application on the skin lesion of the person in need, a therapeutically effective amount of the composition according to claim 1.

13. (Currently Amended) The use of the composition according to claim 1 for treatment of local burns, grazes, erythema, eczema, herpes infection, avulsions, superficial sores and any skin damage leading to gangrene sloughing.

14. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 2 furthermore comprising an anaesthetic agent.

15. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 2 wherein said first thickener agent consists of carboxypolymethylene in an amount between 1,5 and 2,5% by weight of said first gel.

16. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 3 wherein said first thickener agent consists of carboxypolymethylene in an amount between 1,5 and 2,5% by weight of said first gel.

17. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 4 wherein said first thickener agent consists of carboxypolymethylene in an amount between 1,5 and 2,5% by weight of said first gel.

18. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 2 wherein said second thickener agent is carboxymethylcellulose in an amount between 1% and 4% by weight of said second gel.

19. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 3 wherein said second thickener agent is carboxymethylcellulose in an amount between 1% and 4% by weight of said second gel.

20. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 4 wherein said second thickener agent is carboxymethylcellulose in an amount between 1% and 4% by weight of said second gel.